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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Retirees' Homecoming Day

Sir:

1. You may recall that shortly before your recent trip you indicated that Saturday, 11 May 1974, would be an acceptable firm date for the proposed Retirees' Homecoming Day. The session is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and the program centers on your addressing the group and otherwise answering questions for a period of about one and one-half hours. It is understood that all four Deputy Directors will be on hand during your presentation.

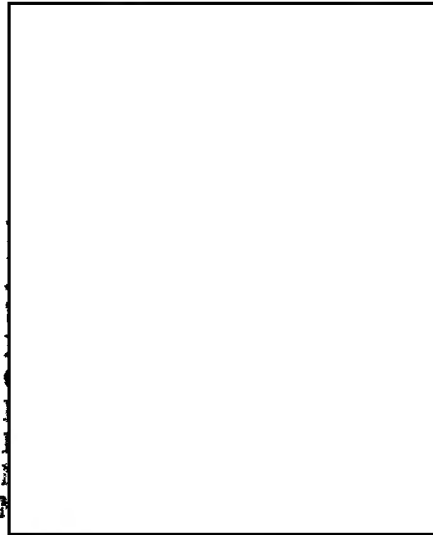
2. The ad hoc committee working on this program has now completed the screening of 1181 cases, covering retirees who departed the Agency during Fiscal Years 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973. The review, in concert with senior officers of the Management and Services Directorate, reflects that for various reasons twenty-nine (29) retirees should not be extended invitations to the homecoming event of 11 May 1974. If additional information is required as to the basis for this judgment, I will be pleased to discuss the security or suitability issues that are involved. In those instances where the decision is based upon medical information, arrangements will be made to have a doctor from the Office of Medical Services present in order to appropriately address the areas of concern. The twenty-nine retirees not being extended invitations are:



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3. Quite aside from the review by the Offices of Personnel, Security, and Medical Services, the Chief, Cover and Commercial Staff, DDO, was requested to screen the list of 1181 retirees. It was determined that, of the proposed participants, twenty-seven (27) are retired under nonofficial cover and one hundred eleven (111) are retired under official cover. It is the firm opinion of the Cover and Commercial Staff that no Agency retiree under non-official cover should participate in the proposed homecoming activity. While retirees under official cover are in a less sensitive category, they are nonetheless ostensibly non-Agency connected and for this reason their exclusion is strongly recommended by [redacted] I have no reason to dispute his position in this.

4. The original plan of action was to have the Director of Personnel sign the letters of invitation, using letterhead stationery. In further reflecting on this aspect of the program, the committee felt that it would be much more meaningful and personal if the letters would be sent out in your name. If you agree with this approach, it is suggested that authority be provided to use your signature template for this specific program because it will involve in excess of one thousand letters. In any case, there is not much lead time at this point and we are particularly anxious to send out invitations in the 1014 "clear" cases.

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